

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT DECLARATION

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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: EXHAUST GAS TREATMENT APPARATUS

described and claimed in the specification:

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- *a. ☐ attached hereto.
 b. ☐ filed on _____ as Application No. _____ and amended on _____ (if applicable).
 c. ☒ described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP03/09607 filed on July 29, 2003 and as amended under PCT Article 19/34 on _____ (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) and/or United States provisional application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to this application are hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-227920 filed on August 5, 2002.

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